

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-9 are pending in the present application, Claims 1, 5 and 7-9 are amended by the present amendment. Support for amendments can be found in the specification as originally filed, at least in Figures 10 and 11. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as lacking sufficient antecedent basis; Claims 1 and 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Boyle et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,138,158, herein "Boyle") in view of Wolters et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0143982, herein "Wolters").

In response to the rejection of Claim 8 under §112, second paragraph, Claim 8 is amended to remove the phrase "said article of manufacture." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 8 under §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Turning now to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 1 and 5-9 over Boyle and Wolters.

Claim 1 recites, in part,

a first server for providing a first service to a first terminal via a network; and

a second server for providing a second service to a second terminal via said network;

wherein said first server includes:

first providing means for providing said first service to said first terminal; and

first transmitting means for transmitting provision information indicating that said first service has been provided by said first providing means to said second server; and

said second server includes:

detecting means for recognizing from said provision information, transmitted from said first transmitting means of said first server, that said first service has been

provided to said first server and detecting said second service related to said first service;

second transmitting means for transmitting recommendation information, for recommending said second service detected by said detecting means, to said first terminal;

registering means for registering said second service that is recommended by said recommendation information and requested to be provided to the second terminal by said first terminal; and

second providing means for providing said second service registered by said registering means to said second terminal in response to a request from said second terminal,

wherein the first terminal is a mobile terminal and the second terminal is a stationary terminal.

Independent Claims 5, 7, 8 and 9 recite similar features.

In a non-limiting example, Figure 11 of the originally filed specification illustrates an example of the invention recited in Claim 1.

In Figure 11, a first server (portable server 12) provides a first service (1) to a first terminal (portable terminal 11-1) via a network. A second server (stationary server 13) provides a second service (6) to a second terminal (stationary terminal 11-2) via said network. The system then provides the first service (1) to the first terminal (portable terminal 11-1) and transmitting provision information (2) indicating that the first service (1) has been provided to the first terminal (portable terminal 11-1) to the second server (stationary server 13). The system then recognizes from the provision information (2), transmitted from the first server (portable server 12), that the first service (1) has been provided to the first server (portable server 12) and detects a second service (6) related to the first service (1) and transmitting recommendation information (3) for recommending the second service (6) to the first terminal (portable terminal 11-1). Further Figure 11 shows the registration of the recommended second service (6) that has been requested (4) to be provided to the second terminal (stationary terminal 11-2) by the first terminal (portable terminal 11-1). Finally, Figure 11 shows providing the registered second service (6) to the second terminal (stationary

terminal 11-2) in response to a request (5) from the second terminal (stationary terminal 11-2).

Boyle discloses a two-way interactive communication device. Further Boyle discloses that a web server sends a notification to a user's mobile phone by a narrow band channel when a web page is updated. Alternatively, when the user's mobile phone requests an updated web page, the web server sends the updated web page to the user's mobile phone by a wideband channel.

However, Boyle does not describe or suggest "a second transmitting means for transmitting recommendation information, for recommending said second service detected by said detecting means, to said first terminal" or "registering means for registering said second service that is recommended by said recommendation information and requested to be provided to the second terminal by said first terminal."

In other words, Boyle describes that a mobile user subscribes to internet content such as airline information or stock prices. When this content is updated, instead of automatically updating the information cache on the mobile device, the web server 202 sends a notification to the mobile letting the mobile user know that new information is available.¹ The user is then able to download the content to the mobile device using a wideband channel.²

In contrast, the invention recited in Claim 1 tracks content sent to a mobile device and, using information about this content, creates a recommendation for a second content to be sent to a user's non-mobile device, such as a PC.

For instance, in a non-limiting example, a user might use his mobile phone to buy a ring-tone that is a theme song from a movie. The invention as recited in the claims would then correlate the user's purchase with other available content. Then, for example, the system could immediately send the user on his mobile phone the option to buy the full movie

¹ Boyle, col. 7, line 13-16.

² Boyle, col. 7, lines 40-51.

corresponding to the ring-tone for view on his home PC. If the user accepts the offer, when the user returns home, he can immediately access the movie from his home PC because he has purchased the film on his mobile phone.

Accordingly, Boyle does not describe these features as Boyle clearly does not describe the interactions between the first and second terminals and the first and second servers.

Further, the outstanding Office Action cites Wolters as describing the recommendation feature recited in the independent claims.

Wolters describes a method of gathering information about a user and determining interest categories based on this information. Further, when a multi-cast message is received, the category of the message is compared with the determined interest categories to determine whether or not the user should receive the message.

The interest categories are determined from those interest categories explicitly indicated by the user and those recommended categories which the system determines the user may be interested in based on provided user information such as location and age.

However, Wolters does not describe “detecting a second service related to the first service and recommending detected the second service.”

In other words, Wolters does not recommend a service based on a service already received by the user. Instead Wolters sends messages based on information entered by the user. Even when Wolters recommends a new interest category, the recommendation is made based on the user entered information, not on a service previously sent to the user.

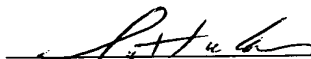
In the claimed invention a user does not have to spend any time entering information as the recommendation is determined based on the content sent to the user not on information entered by the user.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 5-9 patentably distinguish over Boyle and Wolters, considered individually or in any proper combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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